Increase in AIDS cases

1646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been considerable increase in AIDS patients in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 15th July, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of AIDS patients at present in the country; and

(d) what preventive measures are being contemplated by Government for controling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) There is a gradual increase in sero-positive cases of AIDS in the country. Upto 15th July, 1989, 325447 persons of high risk groups were screened and 1351 sero-positive cases found, out of which 30 are full blown AIDS cases.

(d) The measures taken to prevent spread of HIV infection includes:—

1. Screening of blood donors by linking blood banks with testing centre has started in 3 metropolitan cities of Bombay, Delhi and Madras. The screening of blood donors will be started shortly in Calcutta. Other cities have more than 5 lakhs population will also be covered for screening of blood donors in a phased manner.

2. Health Education of high risk groups.

3. Counselling of sero-positive prostitutes.

4. Promotion of use of condom and contraceptives among high risk group and seri-positive individuals.

5. Mandatory production of AIDS free certificate by specified category of foreigners.

6. Screening of blood and blood products for HIV antibodies.

Cases against armed forces officers in N.C.C.

1647. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported and investigated against Armed Forces Officers posted to National Cadet Corps during the last three years;

(b) the number of Armed Forces working with the N.C.C. at present with their ranks; and

(c) for how long these armed forces officers are deputed to N.C.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Five cases have come to the notice of Service Headquarters.

(b) 1182 officers, ranging in rank from Captain to Lt. General.

(c) The normal tenure is two to three years. Some officers are posted for a second tenure also.

Embezzlement of funds in NCC

1648. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of misappropriation and embezzlement of funds in the National Cadet Corps are under investigation;

(b) how many of these have been investigated, till date;

(c) the total amount involved in these misappropriation; and

(d) whether there is any vigilance cell in National Cadet Corps to detect offences of such nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-